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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 4361**
Kenji SAITO et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2005_0635A
Serial No. 10/532,586 : Group Art Unit 3723
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SURFACE-TREATING PROCESS FOR : **Mail Stop: Amendment**
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RESPONSE

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
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Sir:

This is responsive to the Official Action dated March 31, 2006.

The Official Action constitutes a requirement for restriction.

Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-13 and 15-16, without traverse.

Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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